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February 10, 2011

Douglas Bosco
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Owen Property Acquisition – Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
California Coastal Conservancy
San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application


Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of East Bay Regional Park District's request for grant funding for the Owen Property Acquisition at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District proposes to acquire the 955-acre Owen property adjacent to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to preserve diverse upland habitat in southern Alameda County. Fronting on Palomares Road, the property climbs to Sunol Ridge. This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills and heavily wooded drainages, which provide habitat for Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander. Due to the large acreage of the property and its proximity to a vast expanse of publicly owned land, acquisition by the District will also preserve a prime wildlife corridor. Views from the ridge are spectacular, and heavily wooded canyons give the park visitor the feeling of being in a wilderness even though a highly urbanized area is actually only a few miles away.

An award of grant funds will aid the District in preserving this important habitat and providing additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. I urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark
Member of Congress

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December 14, 2010

Amy Hutzel, Regional Manager
San Francisco Bay Area
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Hutzel:

I write in support of the grant request by East Bay Regional Park District for the acquisition of the Owen property Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District proposes to acquire the 955-acre Owen property adjacent to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park in order to preserve diverse upland habitat in southern Alameda County. This open space contains rolling grasslands, chaparral covered hills and heavily wooded areas, providing habitat for the Alameda Whipsnake, California Red-legged Frog and California Tiger Salamander. Views from the ridge top are spectacular and heavily wooded canyons give the park visitor the feeling of being in a wilderness even though a highly urbanized area is only a few miles away.

An award of grant funds will allow the District to preserve this important habitat and provide additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. I urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration to this grant request. Do not hesitate to call on me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen M. Corbett".
ELLEN M. CORBETT
Senator, District 10

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San Francisco Bay Chapter

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February 3, 2011

Bob Doyle, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, CA 94605

RE: Owen Property Acquisition – Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
California Coastal Conservancy
San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Doyle: *Bob*

We are writing in support of East Bay Regional Park District's request for grant funding for the Owen Property Acquisition at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District proposes to acquire the 955-acre Owen property adjacent to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to preserve diverse upland habitat in southern Alameda County. Fronting on Palomares Road, the property climbs to Sunol Ridge. This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills and heavily wooded drainages, which provide habitat for Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, and California tiger salamander. Due to the size of the property and its proximity to a vast expanse of publicly owned land, acquisition by the Park District will preserve prime habitat for numerous other species including large mammals and raptors. Biogeographic science shows that species diversity and habitat value increase with the size of the area under protection. The Owen property will add nearly 20% more land to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park significantly increasing the conservation value of the Park. In addition, views from the ridge top are spectacular, and heavily wooded canyons give the park visitor the feeling of being in a wilderness even though a highly urbanized area is actually only a few miles away.

An award of grant funds will aid the Park District in preserving this important habitat and providing additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. We urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein, Chapter Chair



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Robert E Doyle, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
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Oakland, CA 94605-0381

RE: Owen Property Acquisition – Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
California Coastal Conservancy
San Francisco Bay Area Program Grant Application

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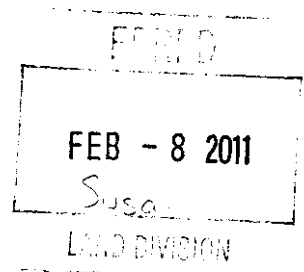
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Sincerely,

Morris Older, Chair
East Bay Area Trails Council

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Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay

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February 8, 2011

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for the East Bay Regional Park District grant for Owen Property Acquisition

I am writing in support of East Bay Regional Park District's request for grant funding for the Owen Property Acquisition at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

East Bay Regional Park District proposes to acquire the 955-acre Owen property adjacent to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park to preserve diverse upland habitat and provide recreational opportunities in southern Alameda County. The property will provide a continuous expanse of publicly owned land from Palomares Road to the west, all the way to the eastern border of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park (very near I-680). This significant acreage contains rolling grasslands, chaparral-covered hills and heavily wooded drainages, which provide important habitat for Alameda whipsnake, California red-legged frog, and California tiger salamander. Due to the size of the property and its abutment to the expanded Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, acquisition by the Park District will preserve and increase prime habitat for numerous species. The heavily wooded canyons and hilly terrain will also provide expanded recreational activities that promote healthy lifestyles and builds tangible relationships with our environment.

An award of grant funds will aid the Park District in preserving this important habitat and provide additional public access to Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. We urge the Conservancy to give favorable consideration of this grant request.

Sincerely,

Brent Englund
President
Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay

Date 12/23/2010

Pat O'Brien, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
P. O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

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Sincerely,

Dan Reasor, Sunol Resident; Member Save Our Sunol, Sunol Citizen's Advisory Council